

California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency California Regional Blueprint Learning Network

Workshop Session 1: Land Use, Housing and Forecasting

Hosted by: Sacramento Area Council of Governments
1415 L Street Sacramento, California

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10:00 am

Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review

Jeff Loux, Director, UC Davis Extension, Land Use & Natural Resources

Jeff Loux will introduce the State and regional BLN teams and discuss how the agenda and future sessions will benefit regional blueprint planning as the regions conduct their efforts.

10:10

An Overview: California Regional Blueprint Planning Program and the Blueprint Learning Network

Sunne Wright McPeak, Secretary, Business, Transportation & Housing Agency

Secretary McPeak has worked to launch regional blueprint planning by providing grants to support the regions. She will talk about the value of the regional blueprint plans and how they can support improved mobility, housing supply, and environmental preservation through better land use planning. She will discuss the Program's relationship to GoCalifornia, Strategic Growth Plan and other statewide policies and strategies for improving quality of life in California. Secretary McPeak will discuss the importance of better land use and housing forecasting in the blueprint planning process.

10:30

Blueprinting for Measurable Results: Strategies and Lessons Learned

- *Steve Heminger/Henry Gardner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Association of Bay Area Governments*
- *Christopher Cabaldon, Mayor, City of West Sacramento, Sacramento Area Council of Government*
- *Bob Leiter, San Diego Association of Governments*
- *Mark Pisano, Southern California Association of Governments*

Major Metropolitan Regions to present on how they are using the Regional Blueprint process – along with RTP and other planning efforts -- to address the following:

- The primacy of strategic mobility-oriented plans and projects (corridor approaches, T.O.D., jobs-housing balance, etc.)
- The commitments of single jurisdictions and regions and "adjoining regions" (as applicable) to designating sufficient land for realistically forecasted housing needs over the long term (5-, 10- and 20-year horizons)

- Other vision and implementation strategies that will result in more efficient use of the land -- through in-fill, re-fill and more compact development wherever it takes place.
- Strategies to conserve prime agricultural-land, open space and habitats.
- A set of performance indicators by which the region and the state will know if they are making progress.

11:40

Discussion of the Major Metropolitan Reports

Jeff Loux will moderate a discussion on the Major Metropolitan presentations and pose questions for discussion by regional BLN teams.

1. How have you each used the forecasts/projections from the MPO's in your planning process, and how have you addressed or incorporated these into your visioning processes?
2. How have you (or are you) addressing the challenge of meeting your housing goals/targets, while still protecting and conserving natural resource and watershed lands and agricultural lands?
3. In what ways have you been able to work in partnership with local governments and others to address your region's pressing housing needs (and other land use needs), while still protecting natural resource, watershed and agricultural lands?

12:15

Lunch Break

12:45

Collaborative Planning in California

- *Michael Teitz, Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California*
- *Elisa Barbour, Research Associate, Public Policy Institute of California*

Michael Teitz and Elisa Barbour are developing a hypothesis for the key elements of successful regional blueprint planning. This hypothesis will be tested with the MPOs through the BLN. They have conducted a series of interviews with California planning experts on collaborative planning efforts. Their research supports the work of the Advisory Group on Housing, Land Use and CEQA, a joint effort of the Business, Housing and Transportation Agency and the Resources Agency. Their research will document best practices in regional integrated planning to support policy discussions on ensuring effective planning for growth and development.

1:15 pm

Breakout Groups: Key Land Use Challenges in your Regions: Lessons Learned about Planning/Analysis and Policy Issues

Regional BLN teams will work within affinity groups of similar-size MPOs to discuss the analytical challenges facing the regions (or have faced and overcome) in your blueprint planning process. Questions to be circulated prior to breaking into affinity groups.

Breakout Groups: Meeting the Regions' Land Use, Housing and Forecasting Challenges: Solutions and Options

1. What are the big analytical, mapping, forecasting, or other technical

challenges/problems that you are facing, especially related to land use planning and providing land for housing? What solutions, options or ideas are you coming up with (or already done) to solve these issues?

2. What problems and challenges do you face in terms of implementing the visions and strategies from your blueprint process, especially those visions and strategies that have to do with planning for and providing areas for housing, mixed use, etc. ? This could entail lack of broad outreach or understanding, lack of political will at the local level, leadership issues, etc.

2:45 **Report Back from Breakout Groups**

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **Next Steps**

Jeff Loux will lead the discussion on the next steps including any action items coming out of the workshop and planning for the following BLN sessions.

- Setting future meeting dates (September and November)
- Regional Infrastructure Dialogues

4:00 Adjourn